



**How Prepared Are you For Rising Waters?**  
**Planning for Sea Level Rise**  
**Regional and Local Considerations for Coastal Areas**  
**December 9, 2008**  
**8:30a.m.-3:00p.m**  
**Agenda**

8:30 – Sign-in, coffee, juice and bagels

9:00– **Site Based Opening and Introductions**

9:15- **Regional Implications of Climate Change**

Dr. Mike Kennish, Rutgers University – Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences

**State-based Case Studies - Via video conference with Virginia and New Jersey**

9:45- **Maryland Case Study - Sea Level Rise Planning for Local Governments:**

Ms. Zoe Johnson: MD Coastal Planner, DNR

Mr. Sandy Coyman: Director, Worcester County, Dept of Comprehensive Planning

Mr. Jack Willing Jr: Director, Somerset County, Planning and Zoning

10:15– **Break**

10:30- **New Jersey Case Study – How Planning for Sea Level Rise is Affecting the National Flood Insurance Program –**

Mr. Bo Juza, Ph.D.

11:00- **Virginia Case Study – Climate Change Adaptation Strategies at the Local Level in Virginia -**

Mr. Skip Stiles, Executive Director, Wetlands Watch, Inc.

11:30– Questions and answer – wrap-up

11:45—Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

12:30-12:40: Introductions and Setting the Stage for the Afternoon: Sasha Land, DNR

12:40-1:00: Review of the morning and opportunity for participants to ask questions of each other and discuss ongoing efforts

1:00-1:30: Climate Action Plan Recommendations and Discussion

An Overview of ongoing national, regional, state and local efforts

Zoe Johnson, Coastal Planner, DNR

1:30-2:15 : Steps to Implementation: A discussion of different options.

Gwen Shaughnessy, Coastal Planner, DNR

2:15-2:30: Wrap up and next steps

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